programme has been launched to make the people aware about the ill-effects of drug abuse. Programmes are also being organised through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in various Schools and Colleges/Universities for promoting drug free life amongst the student community. In addition, under the Scheme of Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention, this Ministry is providing assistance to NGOs to the extent of 90 per cent of the total approved expenditure for running of Awareness, Counselling and Assistance Centres and De-addiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centres to provide counselling, treatment and after-care services to the addicts. At present there are about 350 such centres functioning in different parts of the country.

Adopted Children

1928. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where adopted children have been sent during the current year; and

(b) the number of such adopted children during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: (a) and (b) The information pertaining to the names of the countries as well as the number of adopted children sent to these countries on inter-country adoption is maintained on a calandar year basis. Information in respect of the calandar year 1994 is as under:—

Name of the country	Number of children sent on adoption
U.S.A.	291
Italy	161
Sweden	121
France	97
Belgium	84
Switzerland	76
Denmark	68
Germany	58
Netherlands	56
Norway	39
Australia	21
Austria	20
Spain	9
Canada	8
Ireland	5
United Kingdom	4
Finland	3
Singapore	4
United Arab Emirates	2
Iceland	1
TOTAL :	1128

Punjab Wakf Board

1929. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFzAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab Wakf Board continues to be under supersession;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) what are the reasons for not allowing constitution of the Board for such a long period;

(d) what are the total number of Wakf Boards in the country; and

(e) how many of them are under supersession and since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Punjab Wakf Board (PWB) has been continued supersession since 11th November, 1981.